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## **Ex-High School Volunteer Pleads to Possession of Sexual Matter Involving Minor**

A former high school volunteer was convicted today of having inappropriate images of a teenage student, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Andres Fernandez, 30, of South El Monte, pleaded no contest to a felony charge of possession of matter depicting minor engaging in sexual conduct before Judge Jack Hunt at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona.

The defendant is expected to be sentenced April 18 to one year in county jail and five years formal probation. Fernandez also must register as a sex offender.

Prosecutors said the ex-high school volunteer had a party at his home that was attended by several students. At the gathering, a male teenager got drunk and passed out. While the youth was unconscious, Fernandez took inappropriate pictures of the teen, according to prosecutors.

Fernandez's coworker later came across the pictures of the teenager and contacted authorities.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Victims Bureau.

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